

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 181

Condemning the kidnapping and murder by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) of 3 United States citizens, Ingrid Washinawatok, Terence Freitas, and Lahe'ena'e Gay.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 1999

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. LEE, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning the kidnapping and murder by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) of 3 United States citizens, Ingrid Washinawatok, Terence Freitas, and Lahe'ena'e Gay.

Whereas Ingrid Washinawatok, a member of the Menominee Indian Nation of Wisconsin, Terence Freitas of California, and Lahe'ena'e Gay of Hawaii, were United States citizens involved in an effort to help the U'wa people of northeastern Colombia;

Whereas Ms. Washinawatok, Mr. Freitas, and Ms. Gay were kidnapped on February 25, 1999 by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), a group designated a foreign-based terrorist organization by the United States Department of State;

Whereas the FARC brutally murdered these 3 innocent United States civilians, whose bodies were discovered March 4, 1999;

Whereas this Congress will not tolerate violent acts against United States citizens abroad;

Whereas the FARC has a reprehensible history of committing atrocities against both Colombian and United States citizens, including over 1,000 Colombians abducted each year and 4 United States civilians who were seized for a month in 1998;

Whereas it is incumbent upon the Government of Colombia to quickly and effectively investigate, arrest, and extradite to the United States those responsible for the murders of Ms. Washinawatok, Mr. Freitas, and Ms. Gay; and

Whereas the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is empowered to investigate terrorist acts committed against United States citizens abroad: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) decries the murders of Ingrid
3 Washinawatok, Terence Freitas, and Lahe'ena'e
4 Gay;

5 (2) strongly condemns the Revolutionary Armed
6 Forces of Colombia (FARC);

7 (3) calls on the Government of Colombia to
8 find, arrest, and extradite to the United States for
9 trial those responsible for the deaths of these United
10 States citizens; and

1 (4) emphasizes the importance of this investiga-
2 tion to the United States Federal Bureau of Inves-
3 tigation (FBI) and urges the FBI to use any and
4 every available resource to see that those who are re-
5 sponsible for the deaths of these United States citi-
6 zens are swiftly brought to justice.

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